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On Monday morning the 16th instant, this place was visited by a most alarming Earthquake - the particulars of which, we are able to relate as follows. -About 15 minutes after 2, we discovered the atmosphere to have assumed a dark and gloomy appearance, but was quite calm; a few minutes after we heard a rumbling noise, resembling that of distant thunder, or a terrible storm, accompanied with a rattling which we at first concluded was the rolling of some heavy body over the floor of the adjacent room - next, that it was some carriage driving furiously along the street. Next that it was a fire that produced the roaring; this increasing, we were induced to believe it was a severe storm approaching, but finding the house operated on, in a manner never known before, (vibrating like a pendulum of a clock) - we attributed it to its real cause, an Earthquake - From the different comparisons and conclusions in our mind at the time, together with other circumstances, we are induced to believe, the continuation was from 4 to 6 minutes, though some say it was not so long; - about an hour afterwards, another shock was felt; and a little after sunrise, a third, which broke off several chimneys, and injured some houses otherwise, particularly Dr. R. Ferguson's, part of the gable end of which, was dashed in. It is probable the first shock was the principal cause of the injury done, as it was considerably the severest. We are happy to state that no lives were lost, or any person hurt. Since that time we have, at intervals, experienced frequent shocks, though comparatively light.

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